

Bowers Retrial ⁵⁻¹ Set for July 22 ^{7/26}

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP)—Judge Stanton Hall of Circuit Court today set July 22 as the date for the second murder trial of Sam H. Bowers Jr. in connection with the 1966 firebomb death of Negro leader Vernon Dahmer.

It will be the fourth time Bowers has been tried in connection with Dahmer's death. A previous murder trial ended in a mistrial, as did trials on charges of arson and violating Dahmer's civil rights.

Bowers, identified as the former Imperial Wizard of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was one of seven men who won mistrials May 10 on the federal civil rights charge. Three others were acquitted. He previously was sentenced to 10 years in prison following his conviction on conspiracy charges in the 1964 slaying of three civil rights workers in Neshoba County.

Dahmer, who led a campaign to register Negro voters, was killed Jan. 10, 1966, in a night-rider attack on his home and store in the Kelly settlement near Hattiesburg.